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SUBJECT: UNINTENTIONAL VIOLATION BY ROMANIA OF BILATERAL
FISHERIES AGREEMENT

1. GENERAL MANAGER OF NAVROM DUMITRU MUNTEANU CALLED IN EMBASSY
OFFICER TODAY TO EXPLAIN RECENT UNINTENTIONAL VIOLATION OF
BILATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT BY FOUR ROMANIAN TRAWLERS.
MUNTEANU SAID TRAWLERS WERE ORDERED BY NAVJM TO DEPART AREA

AS SOON AS ERROR WAS DISCOVERED YESTERDAY MORNING (JUNE 19)
AND NO COMPLAINT HAD BEEN REGISTERED BY U.S. SIDE, BUT HE
ASKED THAT WE PASS INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES SO
THERE WOULD BE NO SUSPICION THAT ROMANIANS WERE INTENTIONALLY
VIOLATING AGREEMENT. HIS ACCOUNT FOLLOWS.

2. FOUR ROMANIAN FISHING TRAWLERS OF 1500 DWT, THE INAU, RARAU,
SINOIE AND NEGOIU HAD BEEN FISHING AREA OFF CAPE MAY. ABOUT
JUNE 15 THEY DEPARTED AREA, PROCEEDING EAST TOWARD FISHING
GROUNDS SOUTH OF CAPE COD - MARTHA'S VINEYARD, THEREBY ARRIVING
IN AREA WHERE FISHING IS PROHIBITED JUNE 1 - DECEMBER 31 BY
ARTICLE 10 OF FISHERIES BILATERAL SIGNED DECEMBER 4, 1973.
WHEN VESSELS RADIOED POSITION BACK TO NAVROM, THEY WERE
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ASKED WHAT THEY WERE DOING THERE IN VIEW OF ARTICLE 10 PROVISION.

RESPONSE, ACCORDING TO MUNTEANU, WAS THAT IN CAPTAIN'S COPY OF FISHERIES AGREEMENT, TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR HAD RESULTED IN NORTHERN BORDER OF PROHIBITED AREA BEING LISTED AS 40DEG00MIN RATHER THAN 41DEG00MIN NORTH LATITUDE. NAVROM IMMEDIATELY ADVISED CAPTAIN OF ERROR AND ORDERED VESSELS TO DEPART AREA, WHICH THEY DID.

3. MUNTEANU STRESSED THAT ERROR HAD BEEN UNINTENTIONAL AND THAT VESSELS DEPARTED AREA IMMEDIATELY UPON BEING INFORMED OF MISTAKE, THEREBY COMPLYING WITH AGREEMENT EVEN THOUGH VESSELS OF COUNTRIES NOT PARTY TO AGREEMENT (HE MENTIONED BULGARIAN VESSELS IN PARTICULAR) CONTINUED TO FISH THERE. HE HAD CALLED EMBASSY OFFICER IN, HE SAID, TO ASK THAT THIS UNINTENTIONAL VIOLATION BE EXCUSED IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE ROMANIA'S SINCERE DESIRE TO OBSERVE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.

4. EMBASSY OFFICER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MUNTEANU TAKING INITIATIVE TO REPORT MATTER TO US AND AGREED TO CONVEY INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.
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